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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 560
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Samuel H.
Humphreys on becoming the 28th president of
Washington College Academy.

WHEREAS, Washington College Academy has a rich historical tradition dating back to
the founding of this nation; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Doak, a Presbyterian minister and Princeton graduate, founded the
school in 1780, making the Academy the oldest institution of learning west of the Allegheny
Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly were pleased to learn
that Dr. Samuel H. Humphreys will be inaugurated as the twenty-eighth President of
Washington College Academy on Sunday, May 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Johnson City, Tennessee, Dr. Humphreys was born on April 2,
1941, and graduated from Science Hill High School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, an excellent student, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the
University of South Carolina in 1964, did student teaching at Carson-Newman College during
the summer of 1966, received his Master of Arts Degree from East Tennessee State University
in 1968, his Ed. S. from ETSU in 1979, his C.A.G. S. Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University in 1985, his Doctor of Education from that school in 1989, and his Doctor of
Literature from the Oxford Graduate School (ACRSS) in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, his areas of Tennessee Certification include: Elementary, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Health Instruction, Supervisor 7-12 Advanced, Principal K-8 Advanced, Principal 7-12 Advanced, Supervisor of Attendance, Supervisor of Materials, Supervisor of Instruction, and Tennessee School Superintendent. A Career Ladder Level III educator, he is also certified as Principal K-8 Advanced and Principal 7-12 Advanced; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Humphreys gained valuable early educational experience, serving admirably as a teacher and coach in the Morristown City Schools and the Carter County Schools; as principal, teacher and coach in the Washington County Schools; and

WHEREAS, before being selected President of Washington College Academy he served with diligence and dedication as Superintendent of the Washington County Schools, as Director of the East Tennessee State University School, and as Assistant Vice-President for Administrative Services for the East Tennessee State University Division of Health Sciences; and

WHEREAS, a successful man with a strong sense of commitment, he was highly praised for his outstanding work in each of these important positions; and

WHEREAS, his long and varied list of awards includes receiving the Certificate of Excellence from the Tennessee Commissioner of Education, in 1990; being selected the 1991 and 1992 boys' and girls' Regional Cross Country Coach of the Year, being named the Scholar in the Oxford Society of Scholars at the Oxford Graduate School, being chosen the 1993 Tennessee Middle School Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education, and being named the 1995 National Secretary for the National Association of Laboratory Schools; and

WHEREAS, his professional memberships include: Phi Delta Kappa, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the East Tennessee Education Association, and the Upper East Tennessee Principal's Study Council; and

WHEREAS, a true native of the Volunteer State, Dr. Humphreys has adroitly contributed his leadership to a lengthy list of charitable and civic groups, including the Washington County Board of Health, Junior Achievement, UETEC, TOSS, the United States Academic Decathlon, the Close-Up Foundation, WACARCA, the Washington County Red Cross, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Kiwanis Club, the United Way, the Washington County Historical Commission, the Danforth Project, the ETSU Pirate Club, Johnson City Direction 2000, Project EXCEL, the University of South Carolina Alumni Association, the First United Methodist Church, and many more causes too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Humphreys is married to the former Joan Gale Bacon, who has been very supportive of his efforts, and they are the proud parents of two children, Laura Robin and Samuel Seth; and

WHEREAS, it is with great anticipation that we look forward to the administration of Dr. Humphreys; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Dr. Samuel H. Humphreys on becoming President of Washington College Academy and express our best wishes for what we are confident will be a bright future for the school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.